

**REMARKS**

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the final rejection and reopening prosecution of this application. Applicant has amended claims 8, 9 and 11 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Amendments to the claims are supported by the specification, and thus no new subject matter has been added.

As to claims 8 and 11, Applicant has amended the claims to clarify determining a spot price of the resource based on at least one arrival subscriber not admitted to the second stage lines.

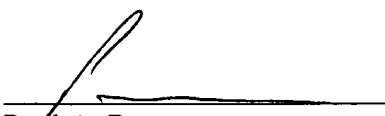
As to claims 8 and 9, “bid amount” has been amended to “bid price” to provide antecedent basis for “bid price” recited in claims 8, 9 and 10.

In view of the amended claims and above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of the claims set forth in the Official Action of September 14, 2005, and submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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